

Turkey Run State Park Nature Center Programs

Saturday, April 30

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet & nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact. 30 minutes.

10:45am Giant Bubbles! – Make GIANT bubbles from household items. Bubble recipe included. Nature Center. 30 min.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended on weekends!*

Sunday, May 1

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am Hike The Bluebird Trail – Gather at the nature center to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies! 1-hour easy walk.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends!*

Monday & Wednesday-Thursday, May 2 & 4-5

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Tuesday & Friday, May 3 & 6

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Saturday, May 7

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am Things That Creep & Crawl – Come to the nature center to see live snakes and spiders! Discover how they move, what they eat, and where you can find them all during a 40-minute program.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends!*

Sunday, May 8

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:45am Hike The Bluebird Trail – Gather at the nature center to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies! 1-hour easy walk.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends!*

Monday - Friday, May 9-13

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

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**Hoosier Quest Program
Earn pins & patches!
Get started at the Nature Center.**

Saturday, May 14

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am Hike The Bluebird Trail – Gather at the nature center to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies! 1-hour easy walk.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends!*

Sunday, May 15

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:45am Reptile Rendezvous – Come meet our captive reptiles, touch a live snake, and then watch as we offer food. Warning: live mice and worms may be consumed. 40 minutes (or until everyone's full). Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends!*

Monday - Friday, May 16-20

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Also on Thursday, May 19th

7pm Volunteer Meeting – Meet members of the Friends of Turkey Run and Shades in our monthly planning meeting and see how you can get involved here at the park. INN basement.

Kids To Parks Day: Free Fishing Day!

Saturday, May 21

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:45am-noon Fish With a Naturalist – Join the naturalist near the Suspension Bridge to try your hand at fishing. Bring your own fishing pole or borrow one of ours. Nightcrawlers provided.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends!*

Sunday, May 22

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:45am Hike The Bluebird Trail – Gather at the nature center for a 1-hour easy walk to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends!*

Monday - Thursday, May 23-26

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Friday, May 27

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:45am Hike The Bluebird Trail – Gather at the nature center for a 1-hour easy walk to open and check bluebird boxes for nests, eggs and babies!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*



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Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, May 28

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet & nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact. 30 minutes.

10am Snake Mobiles – Create a cryptically colored snake kite or mobile. 30 minutes. Nature Center.



10:45am Step Back In Time - Explore the mystery of Turkey Run’s past. We will visit some key features in search of clues. Meet at the nature center for this 1-hour moderate hike.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended!*



3pm Lusk Home Tour - Meet in the basement of the Lusk Home for a fun 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. A \$2 per person donation is requested but is not required. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. Hike out, or park at the Home. Doors open at 2:45.

5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs.

8pm Lyrics & Meanings: One Songwriter’s Approach – Listen to published song writer, Jack Shannon, perform his own music, as well as known songs by other artists, at the amphitheater. At the close of each performance he will conduct a song writing workshop for up to 10 participants; bringing awareness to the inspiration found in nature. 1 hour.

Sunday, May 29

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10-10:30am Touch A Snake! – Stop by the nature center exhibit room to see what Indiana native snakes feel & look like.



10:45am Extirpated Animals - Discover the missing wildlife from Indiana’s landscape and discover why they’re gone. 45 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*



3pm Lusk Home Tour – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

9:30pm Owl Prowl – Meet in front of the Inn to discover three common owls at Turkey Run, and then go on a moderate 1-hour hike to try and call some close.

Monday, May 30

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.



10:30am-3pm History Mysteries Photo Scavenger Hunt - Look for and photograph some unique historic sites at Turkey Run using digital cameras, cell phones or tablets. Come to the nature center for instructions and PRIZES!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

Tuesday, May 31

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*



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Wednesday, June 1

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.



10:30am Pioneer Toys & Games – Experience various toys and games that children played with during the early 1800’s. 45 minutes hands-on activity. Nature Center.

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Thursday, June 2

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Friday, June 3

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.



10:15am Trees That Survived The Ax - Gather on the nature center porch for this 1.5-hour moderately rugged hike to see some of the oldest trees in the park and hear how they survived being bought by a timber company.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

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Saturday, June 4

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9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10am-3pm Photo Scavenger Hunt – Stop at the nature center for a hunt sheet, and then bring it back by 3pm for your prize!



10:45am A Look Back In Time - Hear the epic battle between a timber company & conservationists for the land that is Turkey Run during this 45 minute slideshow of historic photos. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*



3pm Lusk Home Tour – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

9:30pm Like A Moth To A Light – Discover, hands-on, the lives of moths & other nighttime insects. Join us at the nature center for a 1-hour fun family program.

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Monday, June 6

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10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.



10:45am Build Your Own Log Cabin - Try your hand at building an early 1800's log cabin during this 45 minute program at the nature center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*

Tuesday, June 7

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10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended!*



3pm Lusk Home Tour – 1-hour tour at the Lusk Home. \$2/person. See previous listing.

Wednesday, June 8

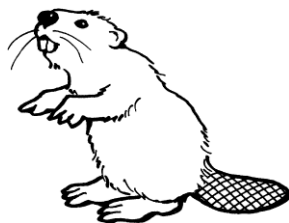
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10:45am Furs Of The Trade - Explore the furbearers of Turkey Run, discover their unique adaptations, feel the differences in their coats, and hear how they were historically used. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

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stateparks.IN.gov/2420.htm

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"Turkey Run and Shades state parks"

Find our "Friends" volunteer group on
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